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Dates for your Diary

September
Monday 21st – Year 6 Residential Meeting 15.30 Oak Class
Tuesday 22nd – Parliament Trip
Wednesday 23rd – Beech Class Trip to Woodside Animal Park

October
Friday 2nd -Individual Photographs
Tuesday 6th – Year 4 Greek Workshop
Wednesday 14th – Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 15th – Rowan Class Trip to Stem Discovery
Friday 16th- Maple Class Trip to Pitt Rivers Museum
Monday 26th - HALF TERM

November
Wednesday 11th Parent Consultations
Thursday 12th Parent Consultations
Thursday 26th – Flu Vaccination Catch up

December
Friday 4th – Occasional Day SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 9th – Christmas Dinner, Jumper and Pantomime Day
Friday 18th – Last Day of Term School closes at 13.15

Dear Parents and Carers,

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a McMillan Coffee Morning on Thursday 1st October, this will be held in two sessions;

1st Session – 9.00am – 9.30am EYFS and KS1

2nd Session – 9.45am – 10.15am KS2

Of course if you have children in across the Key stages you are welcome to both sessions.

Please confirm your attendance using the Arbor App in the Shop, this hepls us plan and prepare to ensure these events run as smoothly as possible.

Cake donations will be much appreciated, please hand these in on Thursday 24th September.

Headteacher Surgeries

The Headteacher's Surgery offers parents and carers an opportunity to meet with myself and another member of my team to discuss your child's education and experience of school. Whatever the reason, a surgery slot will give you time to talk effectively about issues that are important to you.

I want to work closely with parents and carers to create a well ordered, caring environment where all our children are happy, secure and reach their full potential.

Headteacher's surgeries will take place on a Thursday afternoon. Parents and carers can attend at any time between 2.00 - 4.30pm, however an appointment must be confirmed in advance. If would like to arrange a meeting, please contact the school office.

Pantomime time – Wednesday 9th December

We are pleased to confirm that they have secured a special price for a performance of "Dick Whittington" here at school on the afternoon of Wednesday 9th December. This is always an enjoyable and festive day at school for the children combined with school Christmas Lunch.

Usually, the price of a pantomime ticket is £19-£25 but subsidised priced tickets can be bought from the PTA for your child at just £4.00 each using your Arbor account (Trips). Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate the children in Pips class, unless they are here for 30 hours or normally attend the afternoon.
Children are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumpers for this festive day in school.

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Reading:

"Strong reading skills have been shown to improve children's academic attainment across a range of subjects, including English, maths and science." The National Literacy Trust.

Reading is an integral part of the curriculum and will remain a key focus of Brockswood's home learning expectation. Children are expected to read five times a week and their reading records must be used to record each reading session. This can be completed by a parent/carer or by the child, as appropriate.

In school we are running a new incentive to encourage reading for pleasure. Children who 'Get caught reading' will be able to earn stickers, from any adult across the school that they can exchange for rewards.

Road Safety

Please can we insist that the designated paths are used to enter and exit the school grounds. We have a barrier In place to protect the zebra crossing, please can we make sure we are teaching the children to use the crossing rather than entering the road. Children who are transported to school need to enter through the double gates in taxi's, please do not enter the double gates on foot. This will ensure all of our school community are safe.

Attendance

Please take the time to read the Attendance Letter sent out today.
In the Autumn term, we will be celebrating attendance. Each week for those that have attended school for the whole week, they will be entered into a prize drawer, those that are pulled out will attend Treat Tuesday with Mrs Dalton.
Congratulations to this Weeks Winners

This Weeks in it to Win it Winners are;

Nursery Lena
Reception Taha
Year 1 Aura
Year 2 Kosey
Year 3 Harry
Year 4 Ronnie
Year 5 Skye
Year 6 Lily

Dogs

Whilst we love dogs and we are very lucky to have two at school. We are not able to permit your pet dogs on site, this is for insurance purposes. Thank you for your understanding.

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Smartphone Free Childhood

Smartphone Free Childhood, is a parent-led, UK-based grassroots movement advocating for families to delay giving children smartphones. Supporters of this approach suggest that delaying smartphone ownership allows children to develop social skills, engage in more outdoor play, and reduce screen time during crucial developmental stages. The movement emphasises the benefits of face-to-face interaction, physical activity, and imaginative play without digital distractions.

The movement aims to unite parents with a similar view so they feel less isolated in setting digital boundaries.

If you would like to find out more information, please follow this link:
https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/

Modelling Respectful Behaviour to Children;

Children learn far more from what they *see* than from what they are told. As adults, we have a wonderful opportunity to model the kindness, respect and consideration we want our children to show others.
Please be mindful of the language and behaviour we use both in the school grounds and within our local community. Let's treat one another with kindness, courtesy and respect, remembering that our children are watching and learning from us every day.
Together, we are growing a community where everyone feels valued, respected and welcome.

Warm Wishes,

Mrs G Dalton
Headteacher